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1. Fax Transmittal Cover Sheet (this page)
2. Response to Office action mailed 08/23/2006 (8 pages)

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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 08/23/2006

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 08/23/2006 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.